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Press Advisory

Emergency Response Mobile Laboratory Tours Southern California

Los Angeles – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will bring the Emergency Response Mobile Laboratory to the DTSC local offices in Glendale and Cypress. The mobile lab was purchased under a federal Department of Homeland Security Grant in conjunction with the State's Office of Homeland Security. The lab, capable of analyzing samples at the scene and sending the analytical results to decision makers by satellite, is the only facility of its kind in use west of the Mississippi River.

The mobile lab is constructed on a Ford F550 Super Duty Chassis with special modifications for emergency response. The unit includes separate and self-contained areas for sample preparation and analysis. Several safety features, such as high efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA), fume hood, and glove box connected to a bio-decontamination system, are incorporated for workers' protection.

The mobile lab will be parked outside the building so visitors can see the lab and informally discuss its capabilities. In addition, people can walk through the lab and view the field instruments which will be set up outside.

The mobile lab can be seen in Los Angeles County:

When: Tuesday January 10

Location: 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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And in Orange County:

When: Wednesday January 11

Location: 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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